



**Asbury Church**  
a United Methodist  
Community

APRIL 14, 2013

# THE VINE

*faith in action... imagine your life changed.*

## Our Vision Statement

In all aspects of our lives, we will strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## PASSIONATE WORSHIP

### SUNDAY SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
8:00 AM in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

OPEN DOOR WORSHIP  
11:00 AM in the Wesley Center

Teaching Pastors  
Mark Moore and Eric Yeakel

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

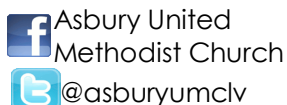
During our 9:30 Sunday School time, we have separate infants/one-year olds, and two year old childcare classes. During our 11:00 Services, we have childcare available for infants through PreK.

### OFFICE HOURS

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## NO SUMMER SLUMP!



It was great to see the Sanctuary filled on Easter – over 1000 people came to honor and worship our risen Lord! The energy of the full Sanctuary was inspiring!

In many churches, Easter signals the end of the ministry year, as many people tend to drift away until Labor Day. This year I am challenging all people who call Asbury their church home to not plan a summer slump. Our growth as followers of Jesus does not come to an end between Easter and Labor Day – therefore, I challenge us all to make several commitments.

- 1) Worship every Sunday you are well and in town. We understand that people take vacations, travel, and have other things happen in the summer. But help us keep that Easter energy going – plan to be in church every Sunday you are in town.
- 2) Remember that the church still has bills to pay in the summer – please remain faithful in your stewardship.
- 3) Take a few minutes every day to read scripture and pray – especially that God will help Asbury achieve its redemptive potential.
- 4) If you notice someone has been absent, let them know you miss them!

Pastor Eric and I will work hard this summer to bring you messages that will inspire and challenge you to new levels of devotion to God. Help us help you grow by worshipping with us regularly— and not having a summer slump!

*Pastor Mark*

## SATURDAY, 4/20 ~ 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



On Saturday, 5/4, almost 1000 people will be visiting our church for the Clergy & Laity Sessions of Annual Conference. As with our own homes, we really want the church (our spiritual home) to look its best, both inside and out. Volunteers are needed between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM to work outside beautifying our church grounds and gardens, and to work inside cleaning out and cleaning up.

Outside work will include pulling weeds, raking leaves, mulching, and minor pruning. Inside work will involve purging unused and unneeded items, and cleaning out the corners that have lots of cobwebs and dust bunnies!

Whether you have 1 hour or 5 hours, please try to give some time on 4/20. We need lots of willing workers to make the building and grounds ready for our visitors. Coffee and donuts will be provided to get the day started.

Thanks in advance to EVERYONE for helping to make this day a success!

**Pastor Eric Yeakel will be ordained at Annual Conference on May 17, 2013. We have chartered a bus for those wishing to attend the ordination service. Please contact Amy Wood (awood@asburylv.org or 610-398-2577) in the church office if you would like to participate. Cost is \$25.00 per person, and payable in advance to reserve a seat. Departure time is expected to be 5:00 PM; more details will be available in the coming weeks.**

# RADICAL HOSPITALITY

## Congregational Life & Care



Larry Hein, our Head Custodian, is seeking volunteers to help with grass cutting this summer. Volunteers will be scheduled on a rotating basis; days and times are flexible. If you are interested in helping keep the church grounds looking their best and getting some fresh air at the same time, please sign up on the sheet outside the Maintenance Room, email Larry (lhein@asburylv.org) or contact the church office. Larry will contact you to arrange a time for training.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** Asbury is hosting the Clergy & Laity Sessions of Annual Conference on Saturday, 5/4, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon. We are looking for 2 vans and drivers to help shuttle people from the Calvary Temple parking lot to Asbury at the start of the day and to shuttle them back at noon. Also needed are some volunteers to serve as parking lot attendants. If you can help, please contact Amy Wood in the office ([awood@asburylv.org](mailto:awood@asburylv.org)).

**HANNAH CIRCLE SOCIAL & REORGANIZATION** is planned for Friday evening, 4/19, from 6:15 to 7:15 PM in the Parlor. Please RSVP to [hannahcircle@asburylv.org](mailto:hannahcircle@asburylv.org) or contact Wendy Wright (610-360-6666 or [wendywright000@aol.com](mailto:wendywright000@aol.com)).

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS** for the UMW Spring Luncheon is Sunday, 4/14! Stop by the Community Room/Parlor between services. The Luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 4/21, at 12:30 PM. A fashion show will be presented by "Divine Resale," featuring Asbury members as the runway models. For more information, please contact Wendy Wright ([wendywright000@aol.com](mailto:wendywright000@aol.com)).

**REMINDER: APPLICATION DEADLINE** for Dilcher, Clarke, UMW and Sheffield Scholarships is 4/15. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE** will be held on Tuesday, 4/16, at 6:30 PM in Room 108. Future meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month in the Aldersgate Room. Knitters and crocheters, both new and experienced, are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Pam Grossman (610-398-8066) or Dale Begany (610-797-3318) if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate in the group.

**10TH ANNUAL TIM KRATZER MEMORIAL GOLF EVENT** will be held on Friday, 5/3, at Wedgewood Golf Course in Coopersburg. Please contact Glenn or Kristea Kratzer (610-821-0258) for more information. All proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

## UMW READING PROGRAM BOOK REVIEWS

Seeds of Change by Jen Cullerton Johnson. My 9 year old granddaughter and I read this inspiring children's book aloud. She read one page and I would read the next. It's the true story of Wangari Maathai, a woman from Kenya, Africa who persevered, got an education and helped her country reclaim its land by planting trees.

nuChristian finding faith in a new generation by Russell E.D. Rathburn. This thought provoking book challenges the Church to get to know, understand and care about the younger generations. The Church doesn't have to imitate the new generations but it does need to break down the "us and them" way of thinking. Bible stories and people from the Bible are used to demonstrate God's emphasis on bringing people together, about the value of relationships above all else. We all fail, but nuChristians try to emphasize love over judgment, partnerships over power and good questions over assumed answers.

## Prayers of Our Congregation

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." From Psalm 23*

### For those who are sick or in the hospital

Lord, we ask your mercy and healing for all those currently hospitalized or recently discharged, especially Rudy D., Shirley M., Susan J. and Suzanne S. Jesus, we ask you to have mercy on all those in pain, both physical and mental and grant them your peace.

### For those who mourn

Lord, we ask your mercy and comfort for the families of all those who have passed from our lives into your arms.

### For the world, its people and its leaders

Lord, we ask that all those who wield power be filled with enough discernment to ask for your divine guidance before taking action.

### For our children

Lord, help our children learn the joy of lending their much needed support to the older generations.

### With thanksgiving for our joys

Thank you for voices to praise you, bodies to do your work, and spirits that are willing and able, with divine help, to bring the kingdom of God to earth. Thank you for time enough to see our children grow and bloom. Thank you for warmth and rain that encourages the leaves and flowers of spring.

### For our congregation

Lord, we ask that you put consideration for others into our hearts, so that whatever we do, we don't hurt anyone's feelings. Remind us all to treat every person as we want to be treated.

### For those who need your special help

Lord, we ask for healing for Jim and Sarah F.'s granddaughter, Maynara. We lift up for your blessing and healing Jenna as she recovers in a rehab. center. We ask your continued support of Michelle G. as she has blood work done. We ask for a good outcome for Mark W. as he waits for and hopefully receives a heart transplant. Lord, we ask healing for Carole H.'s brother and sister-in-law, Tom & Jackie P., as they both enter the hospital because of complications of bypass surgery. Help Sadie G. get over her cold quickly. Lord, we lift up Ben and Kathryn G. for a blessing of health so that they may continue their mission of helping both animals and people.

### For the missions we support

This week's mission prayer is for the Sixth Street Shelter whose guiding principle is to help families reach their goals through intensive in-house programming and referrals to appropriate services. The shelter accepts families with children between birth and 18.

## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CHILDREN

#### Faith & Fun Alive Sunday School

- ☺ 4th & 5th Graders will meet in Room 104 for large group on 4/14..
- ☺ 3rd Grade Bible Presentation is 4/28 at a special 12:30 PM service. The congregation is invited to attend!



#### Easter Sunday!

#### Kidz Klub

- ☺ **Come join us Friday, 4/19, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM.** Our theme is "Planting Seeds." Dinner, sports/games, activities! Sign up outside the WC, in the Community Room, or contact Linda Arleth (larleth@asburylv.org).
- ☺ **Future dates:** 5/17, 6/21, and in July on Wednesdays 7/10, 7/17, 7/24.

#### VBS—Everywhere Fun Fair

- ☺ **7/20 to 8/2, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Do you like to prepare snacks, tell stories of the Bible, make crafts, sing, and play games?! Do you love lots of kids' giggles and hugs? If so, you're in luck! We need someone to coordinate our Snack area, and our Storytelling Station. More volunteer opportunities will be listed soon!! Call Linda as soon as possible if you are interested in helping.

Contact Linda Arleth in the church office (610-398-2577 or [larleth@asburylv.org](mailto:larleth@asburylv.org)) for information on all Children's Ministry activities and opportunities.

### YOUTH



Last Sunday morning we had a visit from Dan Lebo, the Director of Camp Innabah, to share about Camping Ministries with us. If you're interested in going to camp this summer, check out our camps' websites ([www.innabah.org](http://www.innabah.org), [www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org), and [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org)) or pick up a brochure at church for more information on what's being offered!

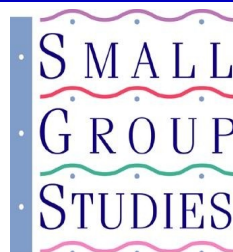
We're continuing our "What's Next?" series in Youth Group this week, where we're talking about how you can follow Jesus. This past week we were joined by Tammi Howorth via Skype! She shared her tips on devotional reading and study. Join us this week to learn about more practices you can use! Youth Group is open to all students in 6th – 12th Grade. Come join us from 6:30 PM – 8 PM on Sunday night in the Youth Lounge.

Coffeehouse (April Date: 4/12) is a casual environment featuring an open gym and plenty of snacks. Doors open at 7:30 PM and we wrap up at 9:30 PM. Admission is \$5. Mark your calendar for the May Coffeehouse—Friday, 5/10!

Contact Aaron in the church office ([aforney@asburylv.org](mailto:aforney@asburylv.org) or 610-398-2577) for information on all Youth Ministry activities and opportunities.

### ADULTS

**"Christianity and World Religions"**  
**A 4-week study in conjunction**  
**with the current sermon series:**  
**Hinduism ~ Buddhism ~ Islam ~ Judaism**



<u>DAY</u>	<u>FIRST CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
Tuesday	4/16	6:30 PM	217	Pastor Eric Yeakel
Wednesday	4/17	6:30 PM	217	Carlen Blackstone

## RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE

### Asbury In Mission (AIM)



### APRIL

**CHANGE-FOR-CHANGE** in April is designated for CareNet, a national organization which provides pregnancy support services, resources and life skills to women, men and youth; Please place your contributions in the designated containers at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Wesley Center.

### CB KENNEDY SCHOOL

Our Children's Ministry Team (CMT) is a shining example of reaching our neighbors throughout the world with the message of Christ's love. As you may know, the CB Kennedy School in Lofa County Liberia was recently reopened when Asbury members & groups stepped up to sponsor teachers. Our CMT has responded to the shortage of much needed school supplies for CBK School. They have recently raised over \$1,000 to purchase and ship school supplies, and they are supplying composition books with a personalized book plate created by an Asbury child for each student. We thank God for the caring children of Asbury and their partnership with our friends at CBK School.

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### ASBURY ENDOWMENT FUND

Recent tax legislation allows individuals who are age 70½ and older to make charitable contributions during 2013 directly from their IRA accounts without incurring any income tax liability. Therefore such gifts made directly to Asbury Church, or the Asbury Endowment Fund, are tax free. For more information, contact John Chappellear or Tom Gibson.

Community Resource Fair ~ April 14 ~ 1:00 to 4:00 ~ Fellowship Hall

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class- 108
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:30 p.m. Music Staff- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. Community Resource Day- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God
- 6:00 p.m. Asbury Basketball- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council- 217
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 6:30 p.m. Serendipity Group- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Committee- Aldersgate

## Monday, April 15

- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Guys- 208
- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Girls- YL
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 12- FH/106
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts- 108
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:00 p.m. Jubilation Ringers- 206
- 7:30 p.m. Praise Band- Sanctuary

## Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 12:30 p.m. Program Staff Meeting- Aldersgate
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 7:00 p.m. AIM- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Asbury Volleyball- WC
- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee- Aldersgate
- 7:30 p.m. OA- 204

## Wednesday, April 17

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group- 231
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Moore Bible Study- 108
- 12:00 p.m. Asbury Clergy Lunch- Aldersgate
- 1:00 p.m. AA (open)- 108
- 5:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner- WC
- 6:00 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub Team- 208
- 6:00 p.m. Karate- FH

## Wednesday, April 17 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Small Group World Religions- 217
- 6:30 p.m. Asbury Quilters- 204
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215
- 6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle- 108
- 6:30 p.m. Rainbow Singers- 106
- 7:00 p.m. Karate- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Church & Society- 202
- 7:00 p.m. SPRC- Aldersgate
- 7:10 p.m. Youth Choir- 106
- 8:00 p.m. Apostle Ringers- 206
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- 102

## Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. Zumba- FH
- 6:30 p.m. Parkland Service Unit 722- FH
- 7:00 p.m. Open Door Worship Rehearsal- WC
- 7:00 p.m. NARANON- 108
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir- 102

## Friday, April 19

- 9:30 a.m. P.E.P. Club- FH
- 1:00 p.m. AA (Open)- 108
- 6:00 p.m. Kidz Klub- WC/FH/106/108
- 6:15 p.m. Hannah Circle- Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 12- 210/211/215

## Saturday, April 20

- 8:00 a.m. Asbury Work Day
- 9:00 a.m. UMW Set-up- FH



## Sunday, April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. God's Rainbow Sunday School- 200
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class- 108
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebration - Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Open Door Community Worship- WC
- 12:30 p.m. UMW Spring Luncheon- FH
- 1:00 p.m. Church of God- 108/106
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Inquirer Class- WC
- 6:30 p.m. SNL/JHE- YL/FH/108
- 7:00 p.m. Dig Deep- 106
- 7:00 p.m. KBGH Swim Club- Parlor

## SUZY BEMAN



Suzy is a Sunday School teacher, and leads many daytime Bible Studies for moms. She is a VBS volunteer, an active member of the UMW, and helps to organize Kidz Klub. She also coordinates many special events throughout the year, both for kids and the community. Thanks, Suzy!



## P. E. P. Club

Fellowship Hall ~ April 19, 2013  
Refreshments and Fellowship at 9:30 AM  
Business Meeting at 10:00 AM



"All in Good Time"  
Barbershop Quartet  
Bring a friend!

## Our Staff

Mark Moore, Senior Pastor  
Eric Yeakel, Associate Pastor  
Laurie Wallace Theisen, Director of Lay Ministries  
Linda Arleth, Director of Children's Ministries  
Aaron Forney, Director of Youth Ministries  
& Leader of Open Door Worship Band  
Tom Gibson, Business Administrator  
Larry Hein, Head Custodian

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